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Copies of non-U.S. patent documents E2-E4 were submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the present U.S. National Stage Application on August 21,

2000. Copies of each of the foreign patents are found in the Image File Wrapper (IFW) of PAIR. However, the Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449 which accompanied the references were apparently not scanned correctly by the U.S. PTO and are not found in the IFW. An initialed PTO Form 1449 has not been received.

Document E1 (EP 0 972 524 A1), which is in English, is the European regional phase application of previously submitted document E2 (WO 98/37913), and was not previously cited separately. A copy of document E1 is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

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